

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Rewrite the paragraph at page 2, lines 18 to 24 as follows:

-- In accordance with the invention, preferably all the sides of the primary element are irregularly shaped. By the terms “irregularly shaped” and “irregular configuration” it is meant that the side appears ~~gagged~~ jagged or rough hewn ~~or comprises complex curves,~~ and is not a straight line or a ~~simple~~ smooth curve, ~~e.g., a circular arc.~~ such that when multiple units are assembled to form a surface a regular geometric pattern is not readily apparent. However, it should be understood that an irregularly shaped side might comprise a multiplicity of straight-line segments, such that the general appearance of the side is irregular. Optionally, one or more sides could consist of or include a straight segment or a regular geometric curve. --

At page 11, line 10 add the following paragraph:

--In each of embodiments 1-4 the length of the sides in each pair of sides radiating from each respective vertex is substantially the same, e.g., in the first embodiment, side 22 is the same length as side 24 and side 28 is the same length as side 30. This facilitates mating units as discussed above. However, it is desirable that the lengths of at least one pair of sides in a unit is different from the other pairs. Thus, in the case of the first embodiment, sides 22 and 24 are substantially longer than sides 28 and 30. See Fig. 2. Similarly, in the second embodiment, it can be seen that sides 122-124

are substantially longer than both sides 131-133 and sides 126-128. See Fig. 11.

Likewise, each pair of sides in the third and fourth embodiments have different lengths than the other pairs. Preferably the length of each pair of sides is different from the others. Because at least one pair of sides has a different length from the others, in combination with the irregular configuration of the sides, the assembled surface covering has a natural, random appearance as contrasted with conventional surfaces that have a geometric pattern. See, Figs. 1, 16, 22, 27, for example.